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What is claimed is:

1. A method for monitoring the amount of erosion in the wearing parts of a crusher, in which method the erosion of the wearing parts of a crusher is monitored by the crusher's automatic control system and, as erosion in the wearing parts reaches a predetermined depth, the control system initiates predetermined actions, which actions comprise issuing an alarm, **characterized** in that information on the amount of erosion in a wearing part of the crusher is transmitted wirelessly to the automatic control system of the crusher.

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- 2. The method of claim 1, **characterized** in that said predetermined actions comprise stopping the crusher.
- 3. The method of claim 1 or 2, characterized in that said predetermined actions comprise stopping material infeed to the crusher.
 - 4. The method of any one of claims 1-3, characterized in that said predetermined actions comprise ordering a wearing part for the crusher.
- 5. An apparatus for monitoring the amount of erosion in the wearing parts of a crusher, the apparatus comprising an automatic control system of the crusher, and at least one wear sensor mounted on each of the wearing parts of the crusher, characterized in that said wear sensor is equipped with means for transmitting the measurement signal wirelessly to the automatic control system of the crusher.

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- 6. The apparatus of claim 5, **characterized** in that the wear sensor includes means for converting kinetic energy into electrical energy.
- 7. The apparatus of claim 5, characterized in that the wear sensors includes a piezoelectric device for generating electrical energy.
 - 8. The apparatus of claim 5, characterized in that the wear sensor includes means

for capturing electrical energy from an electromagnetic field surrounding the crusher.

9. The apparatus of any one of claims 5-8, **characterized** in that the wear sensor comprises a conductor embedded in an insulator.

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